



STATE OF WASHINGTON
COMMISSION ON HISPANIC AFFAIRS
COMISIÓN DE ASUNTOS HISPANOS

CHA Special Meeting Conference Call
Friday, May 8, 2020
10:00 am – 11:00 am

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 10:06 am

1. Roll Call

Name	Title	Organization	Present
Brian Moreno	Chair	CHA	Yes
Anita Ahumada	Commissioner	CHA	Yes
Candice Garza	Commissioner	CHA	Yes
Carlos Ruiz	Commissioner	CHA	Yes
Jessica Hernandez	Commissioner	CHA	Yes
Julieta Altamirano-Crosby	Commissioner	CHA	Yes
Keelcy Perez	Commissioner	CHA	Yes
Lili Navarrete	Commissioner	CHA	Yes
Paula Arno Martinez	Commissioner	CHA	Yes
Rodrigo Renteria-Valencia	Commissioner	CHA	Yes
Tony Gallegos	Commissioner	CHA	Yes
STAFF			
María Sigüenza	Executive Director	CHA	Yes
Nancy Rocha Aguilar	Communications and External Relations Manager	CHA	Yes
Myra Hernandez	Operations and Special Projects Manager	CHA	Yes

Guests (do not need to identify themselves)

2. EC Bylaws

- Chair Moreno initiated a discussion regarding the executive committee selection process outlined in current bylaws.
 - Commissioner Ruiz- Chair shouldn't appoint EC, should be a whole commission vote
 - Each EC has a role: secretary, treasurer etc.
 - Commissioner Garza- What would those roles be?
 - Financing role is staff responsibility
 - Current committees helps us focus on our areas of expertise
 - Wants to keep the current structure
 - How are other commissions structured in comparison to CHA?

- Commissioner Ruiz: think it's similar to other boards where treasurer/CFO exists
 - There's an idea of checks & balances
 - Not responsible for finance or notes but serve as oversight
 - Separating them gives the commission opportunities for leadership role
- Commissioner Garza – what are you comparing boards to? CHA is an government advisory boards different from corporations and non-profits. We cannot model our commission based off them.
 - Commissioner Ruiz – modeling off of Robert's Rules
 - Seen on councils – a standard practice
- Commissioner Ahumada – commission historically does not handle finance. Not the commissioner's role.
 - Commissioner Ruiz- placed in the rules about funding handled by staff (?)
 - The position would serve a check and balance
- Commissioner Hernandez – interested in Commissioner Ruiz' proposal as used to working with nonprofit
 - How do we compare to other commissions?
- Commissioner Perez
 - Doing research – not comfortable making a decisions without having a formal comparisons of options
- Chair Moreno indicated that the item on the agenda at hand was a discussion and could not be a vote because of the special meeting requirements. He suggested taskforce or subcommittee be created to work on a proposal.
 - Subcommittee on bylaws
 - Keelcy
 - Carlos
 - Julieta
 - Candice
 - Jessica
- Chair Moreno requested other thoughts around the subject
 - Commissioner Navarrete – good idea
 - Commissioner Arno Martinez – interest in learning other commission structures
 - Commissioner Ruiz – continue to retaining our retiring commissioners? Keep Anita on as long as she wants to be

3. Chair Election 10:30am

Identified candidates: Brian Moreno and Carlos Ruiz

Candidates spoke

- Commissioner Ruiz:
 - Really likes the committees that have formed recently
 - Would like to connect with the community more intentionally
 - Currently serves on several boards, current chair on Seattle Credit Union
- Commissioner/Chair Moreno
 - Would like to continue to keep commissioners engaged to bringing it back advise to the legislature and state agencies, and Governor's office.
 - Will continue to work diligently to improve systems with commissioners – working on a commission academy

- Continue to move toward goal of solidifying priorities in order to represent our community at the state

Votes:

Anita	Carlos
Brian	Brian
Candice	Brian
Carlos	Carlos
Jessica	Brian
Julieta	Carlos
Keelcy	Carlos
Lili	Carlos
Paula	Carlos
Rodrigo	Carlos
Tony	Carlos

4. Vice Chair Confirmation – tabled

Chair Ruiz suggested vice chair confirmations should be tabled. Commission agreed.

5. Executive Committee Confirmation – tabled

Chair Ruiz suggested executive committee confirmations should be tabled. Commission agreed.

5. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:44 am.